Pilot Station Traditional Council
Native Village of Pilot Station
Pilot Station, AK 99650

CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

FOR THE
NATIVE VILLAGE OF PILOT STATION, AK 99650

PREAMBLE

We, a group of Indians, Aleuts, and Eskimos who are residents of **Pilot Station, Alaska,** having a common bond of [residence] and/or [association] or [occupation], in order to promote our welfare, through the development of governmental and economic enterprises, including exercising the right and powers granted under authority of Section 16 & 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934 amended 1936 and P. L. 93-638 and any future amendments thereto, do establish this constitution and bylaws.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be **PILOT STATION TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**.

ARTICLE II – DEFINITION OF TERRITORY

The exterior boundaries of Pilot Station shall coincide with land selected under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, (ANCSA) and any other land acquired in this Village.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – All persons whose names appear on the membership roll compiled by the village shall be members of this village.

Section 2 – a) New members. All children of any member shall be members of this Community.

b) Any Alaska Native, who becomes a resident of the village of Pilot Station, Alaska 99650, may be added to the membership roll by the Council by a majority vote in its regularly called meeting.

Section 3 – Definition of Adult. Any person who is 18 years of age or older will be considered an Adult.

ARTICLE IV – THE COUNCIL

Section 1 – There Shall be a Council composed of a **President and** **4** members elected by the Adult members of the Community.

Section 2 – The Council shall represent the Community in all matters related to P.L. 93-638 and in all other undertakings. The Council shall exercise the powers vested in the Council by this Community.

Section 3 – Each member of the Council shall serve for a term of three years. Terms shall overlap so that elections, for one-third of the positions on the Council shall be held each year. Length of terms at the initial election shall be assigned to the Council members by lottery.

ARTICLE V – POWERS OF THE VILLAGE

Section 1 – To do all things for the common good which it has done or has had the right to do in the past and which are no against Federal and State laws as may apply.

Section 2 – To deal with the Federal Government and its agencies and the State Government and its agencies on behalf of the Community; to deal with any person, firm, corporation or municipality on behalf of the Community.

Section 3 – To employ legal counsel, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Section 4 – To prevent the sale, disposition, lease or encumbrance of village Lands, interest in lands or other village assets without the consent of the village.

Section 5 - To provide the Secretary of the Interior or his designated representative the estimated budgetary requirements of the village.

Section 6 – To provide the filling vacancies in office consistent with this constitution.

Section 7 – To levy dues, fees and assessments for Community purposes on members of the Community and to provide for their collection and enforcement through its ordinances, for the good of the Community. No such assessments shall be laid except by resolution of the Council at any regularly called meeting.

Section 8 – The Council may have and use such other powers as may be given to it by the Federal or State Government.

ARTICLE VI – CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – Any officer of the Council or Official of the Community who is convicted of a felony or any other offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude shall forfeit his office.

Section 2 – If the office of a Council member is vacant for any reason, the Council may appoint a successor to serve until the next regular meeting of the Community, at which time a member shall be elected to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed by a resolution of the Council or by a member of the Community at a regularly called meeting. Amendments shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of adult members listed on the membership roll in accordance with Article III, provided that **at least 30 percent** of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election; such election to be called by the Secretary of the Interior.

ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

The Constitution and Bylaws shall continue in existence until dissolved by a majority vote of the adult members of this Community, provided that **at least 30 percent** of those entitled to vote shall vote in such an election.

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BYLAWS OF THE VILLAGE OF PILOT STATION, AK 99650

ARTICLE I – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – The President. The President of the Council shall preside over all meetings of the Council and the Community, exercising the usual duties of a chairman and any others delegated to him. He may vote in Council meetings only in case of a tie. The President is charged with general responsibilities for the administration of the Community and ordinances and resolutions.

Section 2 – The Vice-President. The duties of the Vice President, in the absence of a President will be the same as those of a President.

Section 3 – The Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary-Treasurer shall act as a chairman in the event the President or the Vice President is absent from the Village. He shall conduct all correspondence and keep a complete an accurate record of all business transactions of the Community or of the Council. He/She shall record all rules and regulations and ordinances in appropriate books for the information and guidance of the Community members. He shall accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds for which the Council is responsible. He shall make a faithful record of such funds and shall report to the Council all receipts and expenditures and the amount and

nature of all funds in his possession or custody. He shall not pay out or authorize disbursement of any funds for which he is responsible except upon authorization of the Council. He shall be responsible for certifying official Council actions and documents. The Secretary-Treasurer may be required at the request of the Council to give bond satisfactory to the Council.

Section 4 – Appointive Officers. The duties of all appointive officers, agents or committees appointed by the Council shall be clearly defined by a resolution of the Council at the time of appointment. No appointive officer shall serve for a term longer than the elective officers.

Section 5 – The Records. All accounts, records books and minutes of the community or Council meetings shall be subject to examination by members of the Community or the Council, or the agents of the Federal or State Government having authorized business in the village.

ARTICLE II – QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – No person may be a candidate for any elective office unless he has the qualifications of a voter.

Section 2 – No person who has been convicted of a felony may be a candidate for any elective office.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1 – The Council shall meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each Month, unless otherwise ordered by the Council, and at such times as may be voted by the majority of the Council.

Section 2 – The President may call such other special meetings as he may deem necessary by giving two days notice to the members of the Council.

Section 3 – The Quorum. 3 Council members shall constitute a quorum for a Council meeting, and for general Community meetings, one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum

Section 4 – Careful and accurate record in the form of minutes shall be kept of all regular and special meetings of the Council and preserved in the appropriate files of the Council.

ARTICLE IV – RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

Section 1 – All members of the Village 18 years of age or over shall have the right to vote in Village meetings and elections.

Section 2 – Members of the Village shall have the right to speak and meet freely in a peaceable way.

Section 3 – Members of the Village shall have equal chance to share in the benefits of the Village.

ARTICLE V – RULE MAKING POWER

The Council shall have power to make rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – ADOPTION

The Constitution and Bylaws shall be in effect when they are agreed to by the majority vote of the Village members voting in an election called for the purpose; provided that at least **30 percent** of the voting membership take part. The person(s) entitled to vote are all the adult residents in the Village of **PILOT STATION,** Alaska.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION;

We, the undersigned members of the Village having been chosen to be the election judges by the majority of the members, certify that we were present at an election called for the purpose of adopting this Constitution and Bylaws on _____, 2003; that the foregoing was duly adopted at such election by a vote of ___ For, __ Against, and ____ Absent, where **at least 30 percent** of those entitled to vote cast their ballots.

Pilot Station Traditional Council;

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Wassillie E. Myers, President Cynthia M. Fancyboy, Secretary